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City of Barrie

Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on April 12, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, K. Aylwin at 10:03 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor A. Kungl
A. Pelan
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
E. vanWesenbeeck
J. Northcote
K. Patterson-McGrath
S. Diaz - SMDHU
S. Warren

Absent: 4 - H. Bergman
L. Hoffarth
M. Kavanagh
W. Steimle

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, K. Bradley
Parks and Forestry Program Coordinator, S. Wideman
Supervisor of Urban Forestry and Natural Areas Stewardship, K. Rankin
Transportation Planning Lead, B. Gratrix.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follow(s):

SECTION "A"

BIKE THE NIGHT

Councillor, A. Kungl indicated that she has been working with staff on special events permits for the event. She mentioned that the working group had designed a poster for the event and are doing some outreach with staff and other organizations.

John Northcote discussed reaching out to the organization that held the Bike the Night Event in Guelph regarding the impending event in Barrie. Mr. Northcote mentioned the differences and similarities between the two events. He shared the draft Bike the Night Event poster and asked the Committee to provide any suggestions on additions, alterations, or deletions. The Committee discussed suggestions, such as a Save the Date pamphlet or poster to have at other events for promotion, partners listed on the poster, a directive on where to find information about the event, sponsorships, prizes, first aid on-site, and event insurance.

The Committee agreed to defer the discussion on event insurance to the next meeting.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

Recommendation:

BIKE THE NIGHT

That staff in Access Barrie work with the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee to produce promotional materials for the Bike the Night event, including printed material and social media assets, with a budget of $2000.00 to be funded by an internal transfer from Councillor Aylwin's expense budget.

This matter was recommended to the City Building Committee for consideration for adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/12/2022.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follow(s):

SECTION "C"

CROMPTON PARK

Councillor, A. Kungl discussed attending Crompton Park to see how things managed from the winter, the planting done in collaboration with Living Green Barrie, and the ongoing conversations with Nature Barrie about things that align with Crompton Park.

CYCLE BARRIE PLAN

Brett Gratrix, Transportation Planning Lead indicated that the Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on February 24 and consisted of a lot of discussion and feedback surrounding the desire to improve connectivity on the existing network, aligning road renewal activities with existing cycling facilities, improve safety on the Duckworth Street interchange, a desire for a north and south connection on St. Vincent Street, signal actuation for bicycles, and more bicycle parking. Mr. Gratrix mentioned that he is currently in talks with the City's Infrastructure Department concerning a design change to a project on Bryne Drive regarding on road to cycle tracks.

The Committee asked questions of staff and received responses.

POLLINATE BARRIE

A) ALIGNING POLICY WITH CLIMATE EMERGENCY/ACTION
B) PROMOTING POLLINATOR PLANTS AND NATIVE SPECIES
C) BOULEVARD GARDEN EDUCATIONAL DEMO
D) SIGNS FOR EDUCATING AND ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY
E) CITY CONTACT
F) CROSS EDUCATING CITY BY-LAW
G) NOXIOUS WEEDS

Kelly Patterson-McGrath provided a presentation on Creating Native Pollinator Habits in the City of Barrie.

Ms. Patterson-McGrath discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Climate Action: the City of Barrie declared a climate emergency and created the Community Energy Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan;
- Taking Action: such as educating on the benefits of naturalized, native plants, and trees;
- Native vs. Non-Native: such as deeper roots to absorb excessive rainwater to prevent runoff and water pollution;

- Pollinators: bees, bats, and butterflies are a few that provide pollination to different plants, which helps to produce some of the food we eat;
- What other cities are doing: educating the public, promoting and supporting natural landscapes and native boulevard gardens, as well as amending by-laws;
- City of Barrie Boulevard Policy - By-law: encourage and promote incorporating native plants, outline weed and species that cannot be planted, and develop City approved signage; and
- Action Opportunities: a pollinator and edible demonstration garden, a pollinator native species habitat at Centennial Park, and lead by example to support Climate Action.

The Committee discussed boulevard gardens, approved signage, and asked questions of Ms. Patterson-McGrath and received responses.

Attachments: Pollinate Barrie PPT 220405

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

CHAIRMAN